trust of India has informed that beginning from 1991-92 the Trust has made investments through private placement to the tune of Rs. 20180 crore. The details are as follows:

	(Rs. Crore)
Debt	18622
Equity	1558
TOTAL:	20180

(b) According to Unit Trust of India it is not aware of any such allegations.

(c) As per provisions of Section 11(g) of the SEBI Act, 1992, the insider trading in securities is prohibited.

According of Section 15(g) of the SEBI Act, 1992, there is a provision of monetary penalty upto Rs. Five lakh. The SEBI has also a regulation on Insider Trading called SEBI (Insider Trading) Regulations, 1992 where the following provisions have been made:—

(i) directing the insider not to deal in Securities in any particular manner.

(ii) prohibiting the insider from disposing of any of the Securities acquired in violation of these regulations.

(iii) restraining the insider to communicate or counsel any person to deal in security.

Soarting Prices of Essential Commodities

985. SHRI GAYA SINGH:
SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government had announced a set of measures to check the soaring prices of essential commodities on 31st October, 1998; and

(b) if so; the details thereof and the impact it has made on the prices?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI YASHWANT SINHA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Government announced a set of policy changes to increase availability of essential commodities and control prices. The important changes were;

— abolition of 10% duty on import of pulses.

— Exemption of 4% SAD on oil import by vanaspati manufacturers.

— NAFED was asked to procure onion for subsidised sale.

— Committee of Secretaries (COS) under Cabinet Secretary would meet regularly to watch price situation.

Implementation of Revival Scheme of RBL

986. SHRI MD. SALIM:
SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether United Bank of India is yet to implement the revival scheme of Reyrolle Burns Limited (RBL) sanctioned by BIFR on 16th October, 1997;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the steps taken by Government to provide additional funds to finalise the gap as stipulated in the revival scheme; and

(c) if not, the status of implementation of the scheme by United Bank of India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (BANKING, REVENUE AND INSURANCE) (SHRI KADAMBUR M. R. JANARTHANAN): (a) to (c) Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction (BIFR) has reported that a revival scheme of M/s Reyrolle Burns Ltd. (RBL) was sanctioned under the provisions of Sick Industrial Companies (Special Provisions) Act, 1985 on 15.10.1997. United Bank of India (UBI) has reported that the bank has not made any commitment for extending fresh working capital to RBL and therefore the United Bank of India (UBI) has not released the working capital requirements as envisaged under the Sanctioned Scheme.